



OUTREACH NOTICE

Forestry Technician
Harvest Inspector GS-462-5/6/7

**Tongass National Forest
Wrangell Ranger District**

Living and working in Southeast Alaska is a unique experience. Travel between communities and to the Outside (lower 48 states) generally means getting on an airplane (either jet or small float plane) or on a ferry. The people are friendly and island life creates a strong sense of community.

Anyone interested is encouraged to complete the attached Outreach Response Form. You will still need to apply for the job separately.

Outreach reply due date is March 29, 2016

The Tongass National Forest is currently outreaching for qualified individuals for one **timber sale harvest inspector, GS-0462-5/6/7 position** with duty stations in Wrangell, Alaska. If you meet the qualifications and are interested in being considered for the **permanent position**, please complete the outreach response form located below and return it to aobrien@fs.fed.us.

Position Title: Forestry Technician, Harvest Inspector, GS-0462-5/6/7

Tour of Duty: Permanent

Duty Station: Wrangell, AK, (Temporary Government Housing may be available).

Position is located on a Forest Service unit and has primary responsibilities in the administration of timber sales having conventional contract requirements and conditions.

Major Duties (90%):

Monitors and inspects timber sale operations having conventional contract requirements and conditions. Interprets and explains standard timber sale contract provisions, and the rationale behind technical methods to be employed to the timber operator. Informs supervisor of problems that have an effect on other forest resources or accuracy of marking and scaling. Develops a schedule and other plans for inspecting timber sale areas for compliance with contract clauses governing location and construction of non-system roads, fire prevention, personal safety precautions, and cutting provisions. Obtains compliance or reports noncompliance to supervisor. Prepares written reports of all sale inspections and makes follow-ups on deficiencies. Performs final inspections and recommends acceptance of the contract for closure.

Work assignments and extended travel to other Tongass units may be required to complete forest timber sale priorities in timber sale preparation and or timber sale administration during the field season from April through October. Travel may consist of trips of varying lengths per month to remote field camps with subsistence provided or to temporary duty stations with per diem.

Other Duties (10%):

Performs other work as required such as timber sale layout, timber sale improvement, and reforestation as qualified.

LOCALITY PAY

The cost of living in Alaska is high. Locality pay is now available for Alaska. The current pay table is available on the OPM website at: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/>

Tongass National Forest Information:

The Tongass National Forest was established in 1902 and covers nearly 17 million acres in Southeast Alaska. It is the nation's largest National Forest. The Tongass stretches nearly 500 miles from its boundary with the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve in the north, to the Canadian boundary in the south. It is a forest of islands including the Alexander Archipelago, and the mainland. The unique forest landscapes of the Tongass vary dramatically in topographic relief and include a mosaic of forest, peat lands, steep rocky areas, glaciated mountains and other non-forested lands.

Alaska's magnificent scenery, vast forests, and abundant natural resources match the size of the forest. The Tongass makes up ninety percent of Southeast Alaska and is a land of glaciers, mountains, waterways and thousands of islands separated by straits and channels. The islands and mainland create 11,000 miles of shoreline where regal mountains rise from the tidewater to overlook a mostly undeveloped and isolated

landscape. The geography of the Alexander Archipelago presents a transportation challenge and most of the Tongass is isolated from the continental road system. You will find yourself boating or flying in a floatplane to most field locations. Visitors arrive by cruise ship, ferry or commercial airplane.

The Tongass's complicated, and sometimes sensitive, mission of multiple-use resource management often puts it in the national spotlight. Ten District Rangers, seven Forest Staff Officers and the Forest Supervisor and Deputy are members of a dynamic professional leadership team that is dedicated to the ecological sustainability of our public lands in Southeast Alaska. The Supervisors Office is located in Ketchikan with satellite SO's in Petersburg and Sitka.

Wrangell Community Information:

Location and Climate

The City of Wrangell is set in the center of the beautiful Tongass rainforest of Southeast Alaska. It is located on Wrangell Island, about 155 miles south of Juneau. Wrangell has a friendly, real-Alaska small town feel and a desirable quality of life. It is rural and remote but easily accessible by ferry and jet. The town of 2,000 is located near the mouth of the Stikine River, a historic trade route to the Canadian Interior through the spectacular Stikine-Le Conte Wilderness Area.

Wrangell's maritime climate helps moderate extremes of weather. Generally, summers are cool, with average temperatures ranging from 42° to 64° F. Winter temperatures are mild, usually falling within 21° to 44° F. As can be expected in a temperate rainforest, annual precipitation is about 82 inches, with 64 inches of snowfall in winter.

History and Culture

Wrangell has a fascinating prehistoric and historic story. It is one of the oldest non-Native settlements in Alaska. It has been governed by three different countries; Russia, Britain, and the United States. It also has a vibrant native culture.

Area highlights

The area around Wrangell offers abundant wildlife viewing, glaciers, fresh & saltwater fishing, camping hiking, biking, whale and marine life watching, caving, river and ocean kayaking & canoeing, Alaska Native, local and Tlingit culture and historic sites, majestic coastal mountains, international river exploration and adventures.

Nearby Anan Bear and Wildlife Observatory is an internationally renowned spot to view Alaska brown and black bears up close as they feast on abundant salmon. The Stikine River, which bisects the Coast Mountains, provides a popular recreation, transportation and economic corridor into British Columbia. A hotspot for birding enthusiasts, as many as 200,000 shorebirds and waterfowl stop along the Stikine River delta each year on their annual spring migration. Birds banded in places as far away as Peru have made their way to the Stikine mudflats.

[Chief Shakes Island](#) and Tribal House Historic Monument and [Petroglyph Beach State Historic Park](#) provide a glimpse into the area's Tlingit culture and history. For golfers, Wrangell, Alaska is the home of [Muskeg Meadows](#), the only regulation USGA rated golf course in Southeast Alaska, which has tournaments almost every weekend.

Transportation, Services and Infrastructure

Wrangell Island is accessible by both water and air. Although there is no road connecting the island to the mainland, regular jet service provides transportation to the island for both freight and passengers. [Alaska Marine Highway System](#) ferries also provide service for freight, passengers and vehicles on a regularly scheduled basis. Sizeable cargo is transported by commercial barge companies. Smaller commercial aircraft and vessels also offer transport service to outlying areas and communities.

The full service community boasts clean air, clean water, clean streets and safe neighborhoods. Wrangell hosts a small hospital, hardware and grocery stores, gift and clothing merchants, a new visitor and convention center, and churches representing a number of faiths. A listing of community businesses and services, and an entertaining 4 minute video about the area can be found at <http://www.wrangell.com/directory/public/index.cfm>.

Wrangell has invested heavily in the last five years to improve utilities, and to develop infrastructure for residents and for business growth. Wrangell has state of the art facilities for drinking water and waste water treatment. Wrangell's electrical needs are served by hydropower, and are currently operating with surplus energy. Recent capital projects include completion of a marine passenger service center, sidewalk extension through town to entrance of ferry terminal, \$5 million harbor reconstruction, and a \$1 million downtown revitalization.

Wrangell's weekly newspaper, the Sentinel, is the oldest continually published newspaper in Alaska. The local Public Radio Station, KSTK, provides music, news and community service announcements.

Housing

Approximately one quarter of Wrangell's population lives south of City Park and along Zimovia Highway, mostly in single-family dwellings. Some businesses in the commercial core area also include apartments on their upper floors.

City water and sewer supplies the majority of area homes, while others rely on rainwater or wells for water supply, and have individual septic systems. Median rent is about \$640 a month. Approximately 67% of housing in Wrangell is owner-occupied, with some units being vacation rentals. The average cost of a home in the Wrangell area is estimated to be \$182,000.

For additional information:

www.wrangellchamber.org

www.wrangell.com

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The Forest has 175 public recreation cabins and shelters, nearly 600 miles of trails, approximately 11,000 miles of saltwater shoreline, 45,000 miles of stream, 20,000 lakes and ponds, and more than 1,000 islands.

TNF website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass/>

Wrangell RD website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass/districts/wrangell/index.shtml>

OUTREACH NOTICE FORM

Tongass National Forest
Respond By: March 29, 2016

Position Title/Series/Grade: **Forestry Technician, Harvest Inspector GS-462-5/6/7**

Duty Station: **Wrangell, AK**

The Tongass National Forest is seeking qualified individuals for a Forestry Technician, Harvest Inspector, GS-462-5/6/7 position. Please complete and submit the outreach notice form located below and an updated and current resume to aobrien@fs.fed.us by March 29, 2016.

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH (if a **federal employee**): ☐ USFS ☐ BLM _____ OTHER

CURRENT APPOINTMENT: ☐ PERMANENT ☐ TEMPORARY ☐ TERM ☐ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

EDUCATION: _____

IF **NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT** (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

☐ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
☐ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
☐ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
☐ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
☐ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
☐ PATHWAYS PROGRAM (FOR CURRENT STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES)
☐ OTHER _____

How did you learn of this vacancy? _____

Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy

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